

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The system as set forth in claim 2,~~ A system for distributing files and transmitting/receiving the distributed files, comprising:  
a file distribution/transmission/reception module depending upon an application program executable in a client computer and performed in a background process of a corresponding application program execution module,

the file distribution/transmission/reception module receiving the files designated by a host computer from a network and storing the received files while an application program is executed, or transmitting corresponding files to another client computer if the corresponding files exist, in response to another client computer's request for transmission of the files designated by the host computer;

the file distribution/transmission/reception module sending a request for the transmission of the files designated by the host computer to at least one client computer connected to a sub-network, and receiving corresponding files from a client computer selected from among client computers, connected to the sub-network, responsive to the file transmission request;

~~-wherein~~ the file transmission request is sent to other client computers connected to the host computer, if no client computer connected to the sub-network is responsive to the file transmission request, then corresponding files are received from a client computer selected from among the other client computers, connected to the host computer, responsive to the file transmission request;

wherein a CPU occupancy ratio of the file distribution/transmission/reception module is relatively smaller than that of the application program execution module such

that influence of the file distribution/transmission/reception module executed in the background process with respect to the application program execution module executed in the foreground process can be minimized.

4. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 3, wherein the file transmission request is sent to a file storage computer designated by the host computer, if no client computer connected to the host computer is responsive to the file transmission request, then the corresponding files are received from the file storage computer.

5. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 4, wherein the file storage computer is the host computer.

6. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim 13, wherein the files received by the file distribution/transmission/reception module are stored in a predetermined folder.

7. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 6, wherein the files received and stored by the file distribution/transmission/reception module are update files for the application program.

8. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 7, further comprising:  
an update execution module for updating the application program execution module using stored update files at an update time.

9. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 6, wherein the files received and stored by the file distribution/transmission/reception module are associated with an installation or execution of another application program.

10. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 6, wherein the files received and stored by the file distribution/transmission/reception module are data files readable by

the application program or another application program.

11. (Original) The system as set forth in claim 3, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module receives a list of currently connected clients from the host computer, and sends the file transmission request to client computers contained in the client list.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The system as set forth in claim ~~15~~3, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module is repeatedly executed and stopped in the background process of the application program execution module in a very short time at a predetermined time interval.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 4, wherein the files received by the file distribution/transmission/reception module are stored in a predetermined folder.

22. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 5, wherein the files received by the file distribution/transmission/reception module are stored in a predetermined folder.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 3, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module checks a file transmission error for completely received files when the application program is executed such that a corresponding file can be re-transmitted when the corresponding file is erroneous.

25. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 4, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module checks a file transmission error for completely received files when the application program is executed such that a corresponding file can be re-transmitted when the corresponding file is erroneous.

26. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 5, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module checks a file transmission error for completely received files when the application program is executed such that a corresponding file can be re-transmitted when the corresponding file is erroneous.

27. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 7, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module checks a file transmission error for completely received files when the application program is executed such that a corresponding file can be re-transmitted when the corresponding file is erroneous.

28. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module checks a file transmission error for completely received files when the application program is executed such that a corresponding file can be re-transmitted when the corresponding file is erroneous.

29. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 9, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module checks a file transmission error for completely received files when the application program is executed such that a corresponding file can be re-transmitted when the corresponding file is erroneous.

30. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 10, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module checks a file transmission error for completely received files when the application program is executed such that a corresponding file can be re-transmitted when the corresponding file is erroneous.

31. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 11, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module checks a file transmission error for completely received files when the application program is executed such that a corresponding file can be re-transmitted when the corresponding file is erroneous.

32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 3, wherein the files designated by the host computer have transmission priorities for client computers.

34. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 4, wherein the files designated by the host computer have transmission priorities for client computers.

35. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 5, wherein the files designated by the host computer have transmission priorities for client computers.

36. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 7, wherein the files designated by the host computer have transmission priorities for client computers.

37. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the files

designated by the host computer have transmission priorities for client computers.

38. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 9, wherein the files designated by the host computer have transmission priorities for client computers.

39. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 10, wherein the files designated by the host computer have transmission priorities for client computers.

40. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 11, wherein the files designated by the host computer have transmission priorities for client computers.

41. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 3, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module carries out an offset division operation for a corresponding file on the basis of the number of client computers responsive to the file transmission request within a predetermined time, receives data of different offset areas from the responsive client computers, combines items of the data of the different offset areas into a single file, and stores the file.

42. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 4, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module carries out an offset division operation for a corresponding file on the basis of the number of client computers responsive to the file transmission request within a predetermined time, receives data of different offset areas from the responsive client computers, combines items of the data of the different offset areas into a single file, and stores the file.

43. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 5, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module carries out an offset division operation for a corresponding file on the basis of the number of client computers responsive to the file transmission request within a predetermined time, receives data of different offset areas from the responsive client computers, combines items of the data of the different offset areas into a single file, and stores the file.

44. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 7, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module carries out an offset division operation for a corresponding file on the basis of the number of client computers responsive to the file transmission request within a predetermined time, receives data of different offset areas from the responsive client computers, combines items of the data of the different offset areas into a single file, and stores the file.

45. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 8, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module carries out an offset division operation for a corresponding file on the basis of the number of client computers responsive to the file transmission request within a predetermined time, receives data of different offset areas from the responsive client computers, combines items of the data of the different offset areas into a single file, and stores the file.

46. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 9, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module carries out an offset division operation for a corresponding file on the basis of the number of client computers responsive to the file transmission request within a predetermined time, receives data of different offset areas from the responsive client computers, combines items of the data of the different offset areas into a single file, and stores the file.

47. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 10, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module carries out an offset division operation for a corresponding file on the basis of the number of client computers responsive to the file transmission request within a predetermined time, receives data of different offset areas from the responsive client computers, combines items of the data of the different offset areas into a single file, and stores the file.

48. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 11, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module carries out an offset division operation for a

corresponding file on the basis of the number of client computers responsive to the file transmission request within a predetermined time, receives data of different offset areas from the responsive client computers, combines items of the data of the different offset areas into a single file, and stores the file.

49 - 58. (Canceled)

59. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 3, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module updates information of a file transmission state and then the updated information is stored in a computer designated by the host computer.

60. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 4, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module updates information of a file transmission state and then the updated information is stored in a computer designated by the host computer.

61. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 5, wherein the file distribution/transmission/reception module updates information of a file transmission state and then the updated information is stored in a computer designated by the host computer.

62. (Cancelled)

63. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 3, wherein a list of files designated by the host computer is received from the host computer every time the application program is accessed.

64. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 4, wherein a list of files designated by the host computer is received from the host computer every time the application program is accessed.



65. (Previously Presented) The system as set forth in claim 5, wherein a list of files designated by the host computer is received from the host computer every time the application program is accessed.